

APRIL 1, 2006 ELECTION  
PARISH OF JEFFERSON

CITY OF KENNER HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SUMMARY: A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ACTUAL OR ANTICIPATED VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN, MAYOR AND POLICE CHIEF AND TO IDENTIFY THE DATES TO BE USED TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION AS PROVIDED FOR THE LOUISIANA ELECTION CODE; AND PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNCIL MEMBERS AND POLICE CHIEF TO CLARIFY A SPECIFIC TIME IN WHICH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY HAS TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY; AND, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR ACTING MAYOR IN SECTION 3.06 OF THE CITY OF KENNER CHARTER.

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Kenner be amended to provide for actual and anticipated vacancies in the office of Councilman, Mayor and Police Chief and to identify the dates to be used to call a special election as provided for the Louisiana Election Code and provide for the appointment of interim council members and police chief; and to clarify a specific time in which the appropriate authority has to call a special election to fill a vacancy; and, to provide a definition for Acting Mayor in Section 3.06 of the City of Kenner Charter, as stated in Section I of Resolution No. B-14839, adopted on June 16, 2005?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE ELECTED FROM THE ENTIRE AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL RATHER THAN THE COUNCILMEN AT LARGE AND DISTRICT COUNCILMEN, RESPECTIVELY.

Shall the Kenner City Charter be amended as follows:

Officers

Section 2.08. At the first regular meeting of a newly elected Council, a President ~~shall be elected from among the Councilmen-at-Large, and a Vice-President, shall be elected from among the District Councilmen~~ shall be elected, both from the entire authorized membership of the Council. These officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Council, but they may resign their offices by giving written notice thereof to the Clerk of the Council. The President shall preside at meetings of the Council, except when he shall be Acting-Mayor. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume his duties. Upon resignation or disqualification of the President or Vice-President, the Council shall elect their successors at the next regular or special Council meeting?

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PROPOSITION NO. 3

SUMMARY: A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS BE ADOPTED BY THE KENNER CITY COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN JUNE FIFTEENTH (15<sup>TH</sup>).

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Kenner be amended to provide that the operating and capital budgets be adopted by the Kenner City Council not later than June fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>), all as stated in Resolution No. B-14938, adopted by the Kenner City Council on June 16, 2005?

PROPOSITION NO. 4

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO CREATE A MERIT BASED CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

Shall the Home Rule Charter of the City of Kenner be amended relative to Civil Service for municipal employees, effective January 1, 2007, making related technical changes and substantive changes including: implementing a merit-based Civil Service system for municipal employees; naming unclassified employees not covered by the system; forming the Civil Service Department, to administer the system, which shall be run by a Civil Service Director appointed by the Civil Service Board; providing for the composition and qualifications of the Civil Service Board to require the approval of the appointments by the Kenner City Council; providing for the functions of the Civil Service Board, which include reviewing and adopting the classification plan, the pay plan, and personnel rules for classified employees, holding hearings on dismissals, demotions, and other disciplinary matters as may be provided in the rules, exercising witness and record subpoena powers, appointing the Civil Service Director and performing such other policy making or quasi-judicial duties as may be required under the rules; detailing the functions of the Civil Service Director; prohibiting political activity of classified employees; limiting the function of the personnel department to administration of unclassified employees and employee programs not covered by Civil Service, including employee insurance and other special programs; providing that the Mayor shall prepare and submit to the Council the pay plan for unclassified employees, and shall approve or reject the pay plan for classified employees prepared by the Civil Service Board and, upon approval, shall submit the pay plan to the City Council for its acceptance or rejection; and retaining a separate Fire and Police Department Civil Service System, all as stated in Resolution Number B-14940, adopted by the Kenner City Council on June 16, 2005?